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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Filip Zec

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/9/04 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,199,400 to Banicevic et al. In FIG. 1, Banicevic teaches a refrigerator (10) comprising freezing (14) and cooling (16) chambers, each of the freezing and cooling chambers being provided with at least one received space (above 17 and below 24); an evaporator (col 3, line 64); and a means for transmitting and controlling (56 and 84, FIG. 2; generally indicated as 26) a cooling air heat-exchanged with the evaporator toward at least one place in the freezing and cooling chambers, wherein a means for partitioning (18) the freezing and cooling chambers from each other has a predetermined space therein (space inside 18), the predetermined space is provided with the evaporator and at least one means for transmitting and controlling the cooling air (col 3, lines 63-67; col 4, lines 1-5), wherein the refrigerator includes a blow fan (col 3, line 66) as the means for transmitting the cooling air to at least one place in the freezing and cooling chambers, wherein the refrigerator includes a cooling air outlet (33 and 110) through which the cooling air is discharged by the means for transmitting the cooling air to at least one place in the freezing and cooling chambers, wherein the refrigerator includes a damper unit (56 and 84, FIG. 2) as the means for transmitting the cooling air to at least one place in the freezing and cooling

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chambers and a guide (70) for guiding the cooling air outputted by a blow fan toward a cooling air outlet.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,199,400 to Banicevic et al., in view of U.S. Patent 6,055,820 to Jeong et al. Banicevic discloses applicant's basic inventive concept, a refrigerator comprising freezing and cooling chambers, substantially as claimed with the exception of stating that a part of path forming a passage of the cooling air is narrowed. Jeong teaches a narrowed part of path forming a passage of the cooling air (col 14, lines 12-15) to be old in the refrigeration art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made from the teaching of Jeong to modify the system of Banicevic, by modifying the shape of the path of the inlet to be narrow so that the cool air flowing into the compartments is smoothly introduced (col 14, lines 19-20).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent 4,914,928 to Fellwock, Charles G. et al. teaches a manual air damper control for a refrigerator.

U.S. Patent 6,062,037 to Yoon, Kyung Seok teaches a refrigerated air supply apparatus for refrigerator.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Filip Zec whose telephone number is (571) 272-4815. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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